

September 28, 2022
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
Virtual SRPEDD Commission Meeting via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. *Presentation:* Sen. Michael Rodrigues- First Bristol and Plymouth, Ways & Means Chair, with an update from the Legislature
2. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
3. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2022* (*Vote requested*)
4. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Contracts
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
 - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
7. Programs and Project Updates:
 - a. [MBTA Communities \(Section 3A of MGL c. 40A\) Final Guidelines](#) *
 - b. Environmental Program Update and area [MEPA](#) projects *
8. Old Business
 - a. Technical Assistance* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
www.srpedd.org/MA or www.srpedd.org/Municipal-Assistance
9. New Business
10. Other Upcoming Meetings of Note:
 - a. Sep 29, 1:00 pm- online
[Moving Forward 2050 SRPEDD Webinar- Where the River Meets the Road](#)
 - b. Sep 29, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm- College of Holy Cross, Worcester
[DLS/MARPA Municipal Conference- “Equitable Infrastructure Modernization”](#)
11. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
12. Adjourn

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS: October 26, 2022; December 7, 2022;
January 25, 2023; February 22, 2023; March 22, 2023

NOTE: An Exec. Cmte Meeting will be convened in the absence of a Commission quorum.

*Attached

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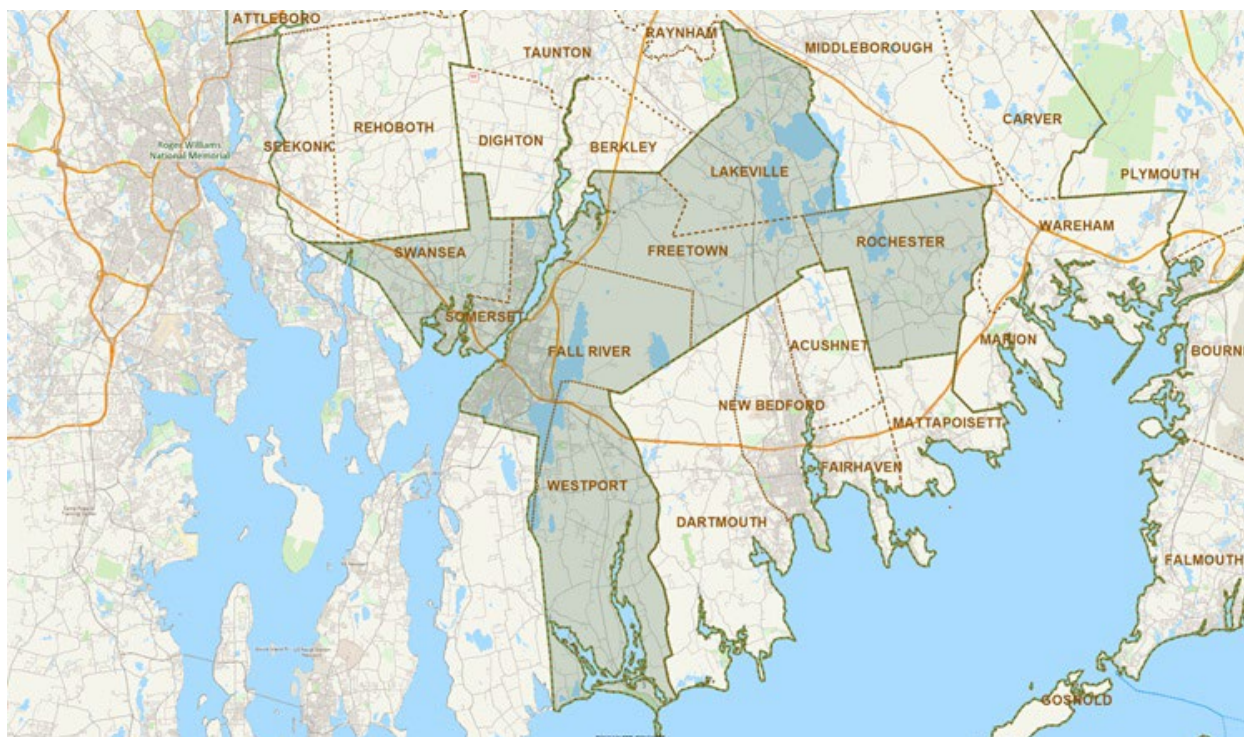
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First Bristol and Plymouth -- Consisting of the city of Fall River and the towns of Freetown, Somerset, Swansea and Westport in the county of Bristol; and the towns of Lakeville and Rochester in the county of Plymouth.



AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 3

SRPEDD Commission Meeting- Draft

July 27, 2022

Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:**Commissioners:**

J. Kelley, Acushnet	S. Leary, Berkley	T. Bott, Carver	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth
R. Espindola, Fairh.	D. Aguiar, Fall River	J. Ferreira, Fall River	V. D'Antoni, Freetown
L. Carboni, Lakeville	A. Horowitz, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion	L. Bradley, Middleb.
M. Germain, Middleb.	S. Ollerhead, Norton	C. Yarworth, Plainville	W. Costa, Rehoboth
N. Durfee, Rochester	J. Kardel, Somerset	N. McDonald, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea
M. Monteiro, Taunton	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L	A. Slavin, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport
J. Whitin, Westport			

Guests/Staff:

R. Cabral, SRPEDD	K. Ham, SRPEDD	G. King, SRPEDD	T. O'Brien, PCTO
K. Porter, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	H. Zincavage, SRPEDD
L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD			

Absent:

D. Pimentel, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	F. Uriot, Attleboro	C. Shea, Carver
C. Haddad, Dartmouth	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)	J. Carvalho, Dighton	D. Braga, Fairhaven
D. Pettey, Freetown	J. Henry, Marion	R. Burgmann, Mattap.	J. Ponte, New Bedford
M. Clarnier, No. Attle.	L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	J. Artz, Norton	C. Sullivan, Raynham
M. Andrade, Raynham	G. Hartley, Rochester	P. Dunn, Seekonk	J. Hansen, Swansea
W. Roth, Taunton	M. King, Wareham	R. Tith, F.R A/L	

1. **Presentation: Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Plymouth County Treasurer, on subject of ARPA funding and allowed uses, Mayflower Municipal Health Group (MMHG) insurance program, and Plymouth County OPEB Trust (PCOT):** Mr. O'Brien, the Plymouth County Treasurer was introduced by Chairman Slavin. Mr. O'Brien began by saying he has been County Treasurer since 2006 and works with 27 communities to help them save, find funding, and realize efficiencies and economies of scale. Referencing that in light of the complexity and extensive detail of all three topics, it might be best to focus this evening on just one (ARPA), and that he would be happy to come back at a later date to follow up on the others. Whereupon Mr. O'Brien provided an informative overview of Plymouth County's ARPA program and entertained questions from the Commission. Mr. Walker shared the websites for all three topics-- <https://www.plymouthcountyarpa.com/>, <https://www.mmhg.org/about>, and <https://www.plymouthcountyma.gov/plymouth-county-opeb-trust-pcot>) in the Zoom chat for those who would like further information. Among other questions and related discussion, Mr. Whitin asked how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding is or is not connected with ARPA. Mr. O'Brien mentioned that is not connected and most don't know the infrastructure bill was passed and signed. He stated that there is another pot of money available for communities to access. Mr. O'Brien mentioned the state through DLS (Divisional of Local Services), and the Federal Funds Office has posted information about some of those grant opportunities, but they are completely unrelated. Mr. Walker mentioned this is a much-appreciated opportunity to be able to tap into Mr. O'Brien's expertise with regard to how

the County has been distributing its ARPA funds to member communities for eligible projects. Mr. O'Brien added his contact information in the Zoom chat if any members would like to discuss these topics in further detail.

2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Slavin at 6:32 P.M. The meeting was recorded.

3. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the June 22, 2022, meeting minutes with abstentions.

4. Reports:

- a. **Chair:** Chairman Slavin mentioned if communities have articles that must go through the House and Senate from their Spring town meeting, they are behind. He mentioned many articles are not going to make it before they shut down for the August vacation time. He stated that you will have to keep after your State Representative and State Senator to find out what's happening with those articles. Chairman Slavin indicated that otherwise the articles may have to be redone all over again. He mentioned that there is still a presenter opening for the September meeting, and if Commissioners have any topics for the meeting that they would like to request to please let Mr. Walker or Ms. Royer know.
- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker mentioned that he included a copy of the legislation that Lieutenant Governor Polito signed in tonight's packets regarding the remote meeting extension for local boards which was extended until March 31, 2023. He mentioned that Chairman Slavin had emailed details prior to the meeting regarding the status of Economic Development bond bill and that it is still being worked on. He mentioned that contained in the draft bill there is a request for an additional million dollars in District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding, up from the traditional \$3M base amount, and that if any Commissioners have a chance to reach out to members of our State delegation to express their support for the Economic Bond bill, that would be ideal. He also mentioned that there are a couple of recent new Commissioner appointments since this year's annual orientations have been held via Zoom, but that if not already, he will shortly be reaching out with background information and a welcome to SRPEDD.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Contracts:** No contract for July.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Horowitz referred the Commission to the Finance Committee report in which he indicated there had been a transposition error in the disbursement amount, which should have read \$261,881.18 instead of \$216,881.18. Therefore, the total cash accounted for should be \$1,172,765.24 instead of \$1,127,765.24. The corrected report appears below. The Finance Committee met on June 15, 2022, at SRPEDD and remotely via Zoom. The May 18, 2022 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for May 2022 was received along with a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$136,632.41. The Committee reviewed the OPEB statement for April 2022 included in the packet along with May 2022 month-end general journal entries.

Mr. Horowitz also reported that the Finance Committee met on July 20, 2022, at SRPEDD and remotely via Zoom. The June 20, 2022, Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for June 2022 was received along with a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$131,700.66.

A motioned was made and seconded to approve the Finance report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro referred Commissioners to the minutes in the packet from the last Joint SMMPO/JTPG meeting. She mentioned there was not a Joint Transportation Planning Group meeting for the month of July, but they did have the SMMPO meeting. She indicated at that meeting that amendments were released for the Transportation Improvement Program for FFY '22 to '26. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that they are seeing cost increases in projects. She stated there was a cost increase for the intersection in Attleboro Route 1, 1A and 123. She also reported that there were community transit grants that were awarded to GATRA and they will be purchasing an additional 10 buses, and they received funding for Med Wheels Operating. She indicated that Dartmouth received funding for replacement vans and People Incorporated received funding for a bus. She mentioned the SMMPO also received a commitment from MassDOT for programming for an Airport Express Bus Service from Mansfield MBTA Station to Logan, with the funding to come from GATRA and P & B in FFY'23. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned if there were any cost increases to highway projects MassDOT will pick up the tab for those programmed. She mentioned those projects are out for public comment and will be hopefully endorsed at a special meeting on August 9th. She also mentioned that there is a new administrator at GATRA--Mary Ellen DeFrais--who started on July 9th for those that have not heard. Lastly, SRPEDD has received the MassDOT contract for FFY'23 that is under review with an increase of \$330,000. Ms. Estrela-Pedro entertained questions from the Commission.

A motioned was made and seconded to approve the Transportation report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Programs and Project Updates:

- a. **SRPEDD Homeland Security/Comp Planning - Old Rochester Regional High School:** Mr. Ham presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Old Rochester High School initiative (Active Shooter or Hostile Event-ASHE-Response Tool) which entailed creating a 3-D digital model of the school. This project was completed with the help of public safety officials, police, fire, and EMS. He mentioned that he and Mr. Castro from the Homeland Security Department have over 15 years of law enforcement experience at local level, federal level and in military settings. He stated they both have expertise with collaborating with public safety and law enforcement partners. Mr. Monteiro asked how the City of Taunton could find out if their community has an emergency plan. Mr. Ham mentioned that someone from the school department, police chief, fire chief or emergency management would know if a plan existed for a community. He mentioned that if any have a hard time getting the information, please reach out to him and he will contact the community. Mr. Ham indicated that if a community would like to have the plan completed SRPEDD is booking into the Fall and Winter. It was asked if Mr. Ham follows ALICE training. Mr. Ham mentioned they do follow ALICE training. Ms. McDonald stated that it is a great program. Mr. Yarworth asked if this was the same type of mapping that was used for Plainville ADA mapping. Mr. Ham indicated yes, it is the same type of mapping that is used for ADA and Plainville already has their mapping done. He mentioned they would just need work with the liaison public safety from Plainville.

- b. **Bridgewater State- Risk Management – semester project opportunity:** Mr. Walker referred the Commission to page 16 of the packet and explained the semester project opportunity. He mentioned that he had been in touch with representatives from Bridgewater State earlier in the week, and a couple of communities have already reached out to the professor in regards to this semester project opportunity to express an interest in participating.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Municipal and Planning Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred Commissioners to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets, highlighting a number of them in further detail and referring them to the additional information on the SRPEDD website as well.

A motioned was made and seconded to approve the Technical Assistance report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deadline for FY'23 MA Applications: April 15, 2023 MA Program information and *online* application for communities at: Mr. King mentioned that FY'23 MA applications deadline will be on April15, 2023.

9. New Business:

- a. **SE Mass Historical Commission Coalition formation possibility:** Mr. Walker referred Members to page 22 and discussed the inquiry received from the Mass Historical Commission as to whether there might be interest on the part of SRPEDD Communities in participating in a SE Mass Historical Commission Coalition, as envisioned, similar to the Coalition in Western MA, with quarterly meetings and information of benefit to area municipalities.

10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest: None

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., to be held remotely via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 9/28/2022

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Agenda Item: 4b

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AGENDA ITEM: Grant/Contract Approvals, # 5.a.

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the City of Taunton School District to create and Active Shooter / Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tool for all school facilities for an amount not to exceed \$141,000.
2. With the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) to create and facilitate two webinars designed to assist communities with efforts to comply with the new Multi-Family Zoning Requirements for MBTA Communities (Section 3A of M.G.L. c. 40A, "the Zoning Act") for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.
3. With the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to work in partnership with cities and towns to update Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Protection Area (PPA) designations in the twenty-three SRPEDD-region communities that will be subject to Section 3A of the Zoning Act for an amount not to exceed \$161,760.
4. With the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a contract for a Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant focused in the Ten Mile to Mount Hope Bay corridor for \$500,000.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 6.a.

The Finance Committee met on Aug. 17, 2022 at the Back Eddy in Westport. The July 20, 2022, Finance meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer's Report for July 2022 received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$112,355.63.

Cash & Funds: July 1, 2022	\$ 892,879.09
Cash Receipts: July 1 – 31, 2022	<u>\$ 325,890.66</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$1,218,769.75

Disbursements: July 1 – 31, 2022	\$ 267,749.64
Cash & Funds: July 31, 2022	<u>\$ 951,020.11</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,218,769.75

The Committee reviewed the OPEB statement for July 2022 included in the packet along with FY'22 Year-End and July 2022 month-end general journal entries.

The Committee also received and discussed copies of the FY'22 OPEB actuarial valuation summary report and draft FY'22 financial report.

In addition, since the last meeting, the Finance Committee also met on Sept. 21, 2022 at SRPEDD and remotely via Zoom. The Aug. 17, 2022 Finance meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer's Report for August 2022 received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$35,058387.

Cash & Funds: Aug. 1, 2022	\$ 951,020.11
Cash Receipts: Aug. 1 – 31, 2022	<u>\$ 742,130.32</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,693,150.43

Disbursements: Aug. 1 – 31, 2022	\$ 361.975.50
Cash & Funds: Aug. 31, 2022	<u>\$ 1.331.174.93</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,693.150.43

The Committee reviewed August 2022 month-end general journal entries and July 2022 OPEB Statement.

Carl Begin of Bristol Wealth Group/Raymond James also provided his annual report to the Committee on the performance of the agency's OPEB trust fund account.

**Draft Minutes of the *Special* Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)
Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM
Held remotely via Zoom.**

The following members were in attendance:

Steve Woelfel-----Representing Jamey Tesler, MassDOT Secretary and CEO, **Chair**
 Pamela Haznar-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
 Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
 Bill Roth-----Representing Shaunna O'Connell, Mayor of Taunton
 Robert Espindola-----Town of Fairhaven
 Mark Germain-----Town of Middleborough
 Jacob Vaught-----Town of Somerset
 Alan Slavin-----SRPEDD Commission Chair
 Shayne Trimbell-----Representing Erik Rousseau, Administrator, SRTA
 Mary Ellen DeFrias -----Administrator, GATRA

The following members were absent:

Paul Heroux-----Mayor of Attleboro
 Paul Coogan-----Mayor of Fall River
 Diana Bren-----Town of Mansfield

The following were also in attendance:

Andrew Reovan-----FHWA	Jacob Vaught-----Somerset
Barbara Lachance-----MassDOT	John Cogliano-----Plymouth & Brockton
Derek Shooster-----MassDOT	Bus
Derek Krevat-----MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Michelle Ho-----MassDOT	Lilia Cabral-Bernard-----SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
Andrew Wang-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

SMMPO Agenda August 9, 2022 (Revised)
 SMMPO (Joint JTPG) Draft Meeting Minutes July 19, 2022
 FFY2022-2026 TIP Proposed Amendment #6
 FFY2022-2026 Proposed TIP Adjustment #1
 FFY2022 Proposed UPWP Administrative Adjustment #2

AGENDA:**1. Call to Order and Roll Call-**

Chairman Woelfel called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Ms. Lilia Cabral-Bernard asked all MPO members and designees to please unmute themselves so she could call the roll for attendance. She then called the complete roll of MPO members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	City of Taunton-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	MassDOT Administrator-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes
Town of Somerset-----Yes

SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

2. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2022 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the SMMPO meeting from July 19, 2022. The motion was made by Bill Roth and seconded by Mark Germain.

Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

Town of Middleborough-----Yes
Town of Somerset-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Comments - Opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO-

Chairman Woelfel invited members of the public to make comments. There were no comments presented.

4. Proposed FFY2022-2026 TIP Amendment #6 (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that FFY2022-2026 TIP Amendment #6 was released for public comment at the last meeting to an abbreviated 15-day comment period, with a public meeting being held on July 26th where there were no comments offered at that time or otherwise. This amendment has 3 components to it. On the highway side in Federal Fiscal Year 22 is a cost increase for the Attleboro project at Routes 1, 1A and 123. The cost increase of just over \$1 million is being picked up with the remainder of our regional target funds, and with a statewide intersection improvement funds.

On the transit side, there are community transit grants awarded, three for GATRA, one for the town of Dartmouth and one for People Incorporated, plus an electric bus for GATRA. The third item was in Federal Fiscal Year 23 on the highway side, and that was to flex highway funds to transit (CMAQ funds to be precise), for the new Airport Express bus service from the Mansfield MBTA station to Logan Airport, at a total cost of approximately \$3.1 million.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro told the group she would entertain any questions and asked the body to approve this amendment.

The Chair then asked for a motion and second to endorse, and then the floor will be opened up to questions. The motion was made by Bill Roth and seconded by Alan Slavin.

Bill Roth asked where the \$3.1 million in funds came from. Steve Woelfel replied that the SMMPO agreed to use the rest of the regional target funds and MassDOT committed to make up any overruns for highway projects at the last meeting.

Jamie Ponte asked where this was memorialized, on the record, that commitment to make up that difference. The Chair responded that it's on the record in the minutes of the last meeting.

With no additional questions, the Chair asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

Town of Middleborough-----Yes
Town of Somerset-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Proposed FFY2022-2026 TIP Adjustment #1 (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Need to Approve)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that FFY2022-2026 TIP Adjustment #1 concerned the transit component of the TIP within Federal Fiscal Year 22. She explained that SRTA has experienced cost increases in some of their projects, including the purchase of a support vehicle that was previously programmed at \$40,000 which has gone up to a little over \$42,000, and is now being funded with state funds. There is also an increase for hardware and software purchases that was previously at \$50,000 and has now gone up over \$71,000, and also the replacement of 35- foot buses, which have also seen a cost increase of a little over \$2,000, which would bring the \$150,000 to a little over \$152,000. To offset some of those cost increases there is a decrease in state funds for the rehab and renovation of the Bus Support Facility and equipment from a little over \$79,000 down to a little over \$26,000. She then asked the body to approve this adjustment.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second. Jacob Vaught made the motion and Bill Roth seconded it. There were no questions asked, so the Chair asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

Town of Middleborough-----Yes
Town of Somerset-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Proposed FFY2022 UPWP Administrative Adjustment #2 (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Approve)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that FFY2022-2026 UPWP proposed administrative Adjustment #2, concerned the shifting of funds within the Unified Planning Work Program in Federal Fiscal Year 22. The adjustment would be made under the regional modeling task 2.2. The total budget is currently \$20,000. She asked to move \$3,000 in salaries to direct costs, which would be used to send two of the SRPEDD staff members to TransCAD training for the travel demand forecasting model. The model will be used in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan, which is due next summer. She asked the SMMPO to endorse this shift in funds for this purpose.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve. Alan Slavin made the motion and Bill Roth seconded it. There were no questions so the Chair, seeing that, he asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes

City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes
Town of Somerset-----Yes

SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Other Business

The Chair informed the group that the Moving Together conference registration has opened. It is on November 1 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, and will be hybrid, with attendance offered remotely if preferred.

Lisa announced that SRPEDD staff is looking into applying for a Safe Streets for All grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for our region.

8. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announce that the next SMMPO meeting will be on September 20 at 1pm virtually.

9. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Alan Slavin made the motion and Jamie Ponte seconded it. He asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone. Lilia then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting.
Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Held Remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Massachusetts.**

The following members and alternates were in attendance:

Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....City of New Bedford
Alan Slavin, Vice Chair.....Town of Wareham
Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Paul Duarte.....Town of Dartmouth
Tom Ferry.....Town of Dighton
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Deb Pettey.....Town of Freetown
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield
Leann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough
Paul Scott.....Town of Plainville
Fred Cornaglia.....City of Taunton
William Roth.....City of Taunton, alternate

The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:

City of Attleboro	Town of Rehoboth
Town of Acushnet	Town of Rochester
Town of Fairhaven	Town of Seekonk
Town of Marion	Town of Somerset
Town of Mattapoisett	Town of Swansea
Town of Middleborough	At-Large, City of Fall River
Town of North Attleborough	At-Large, City of New Bedford
Town of Norton	At-Large, City of Taunton
Town of Raynham	

Also in Attendance:

Angela Constantino.....GATRA	Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT	Sara Brown.....SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT	Luis deOliveira.....SRPEDD
Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD	Don Sullivan.....SRPEDD
Lilia Cabral-Bernard.....SRPEDD	Jamie Pisano.....VHB
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD	Sid Kashi.....GPI

Handouts:

The JTPG Agenda August 10, 2022
DRAFT JTPG June 21, 2022 Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Stephanie Crampton called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Ms. Cabral-Bernard asked all members to unmute themselves so she could call the complete roll call of JTPG members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call.

Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....City of New Bedford
 Alan Slavin, Vice Chair.....Town of Wareham
 Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley
 John Woods.....Town of Carver
 Paul Duarte.....Town of Dartmouth
 Tom Ferry.....Town of Dighton
 Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
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 Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield
 Leann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough
 Paul Scott.....Town of Plainville
 Fred Cornaglia.....City of Taunton

2. Public Comments - Opportunity for the public to address the JTPG

There were no comments offered by the public.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2022 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Crampton called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Stephanie Crampton. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

Town of Berkley.....Abstain	Town of Lakeville.....Abstain
Town of Carver.....Abstain	Town of Middleborough.....Abstain
Town of Dartmouth.....Abstain	City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes	Town of Plainville.....Abstain
City of Fall River.....Abstain	City of Taunton.....Abstain
Town of Freetown.....Abstain	Town of Wareham.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 ABSTENTIONS.

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTA’s) Report

Angela Constantino shared that GATRA’s new administrator, Mary Ellen DeFrias, started July 11, and also, that the Taunton and Attleboro fixed routes, all 13 of them, changed on July 18 and the new schedules, including information and maps, are available on the GATRA website.

5. EDA Funding Opportunities

Don Sullivan, the Economic Development Director with SRPEDD, started with a quick overview of the SRPEDD’s ED role. In 1968, over 50 years ago, the EDA designated SRPEDD as an economic development district, that is the “EDD” in SRPEDD. This makes SRPEDD the point of contact for all things EDA, including planning, project development, grant applications, project administration and implementation, on behalf of the region's cities and towns. Relative to the available funding opportunity, these are referred to as Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEAA). Funding is available for design engineering, permanent construction of roadways, streets, sidewalks, drainage, water, and sewer, as well as wastewater, water treatment plants and improvements, land acquisition, capital equipment, etc. If a community is interested in trying to get some design funds, SRPEDD might be able to assist, relative to the to the program funding that's available. The key takeaways for funding, is the project needs to be locally controlled or owned, or owned by the municipality, but it can't be a State Road. The project also needs to support or leverage

economic development, so somewhere along that roadway, the eventual construction has to serve some kind of ED needs. This includes an industrial park, or an office park or a business park, if there's manufacturing facilities, or warehousing facilities along that corridor, or if there's land available to build it, they can wrap funding around the design of that road and eventually go into construction.

The other important takeaway is that the municipality needs to contribute a 50% match, and that's a requirement. The project is also a reimbursement program. The community will have to spend it to get it. So as an example of, if the project or design is \$600,000, then it has to be matched with \$300,000. So, the local match is \$300,000, the EDA picks up the other \$300,000, the community spends the whole \$600,000 and then will get back their \$300,000.

He concluded by encouraging the members to look at the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to see whether or not their town might have a project that would fit and then contact him about funding opportunities.

6. BIL Discussion

Jackie Jones informed the group that BIL is the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. It's a very large, long-term investment in the infrastructure, there's lots of things covered under Bill, but today, will be about transportation.

Formula, funds were increased, this is how the TIP gets funded. It also goes into a lot of other programs. Formula funds means that it comes to the state in a chunk of money and then is distributed to different entities via a formula. There is a new carbon reduction and protect program included in this and BIL increased our TIP target funds by about \$4 million every year. Ms. Jones encouraged the group to develop TIP projects and bring them to MassDOT because there are a lot of funding opportunities.

Discretionary Programs in BIL include a Reconnecting Community Pilot Program and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), as well as Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE). She informed the group that staff would be sharing this presentation including the links to these programs.

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program is the first federal program dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. If there is a barrier cutting through a neighborhood preventing people from getting from one place to another, such as a highway, rail line or grade separation that creates a barrier to community connectivity and to economic development, then a community might be eligible for this program. If a community needs a letter of support or there is or some way that staff can help you with this application, please reach out. As Don mentioned in his presentation, all of these have NOFOs or those Notice of Funding Opportunities that outline all the steps.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All grant's intent is to fund previously identified improvements through a Safety Action Plan, but it will also fund the development of those action plan grants. That's a very specific, very technical look at safety components of a region where your crashes are happening and what the factors are, and there is an action plan grant or an implementation grant. Eligible entities are cities and towns, but also MPOs, recognized tribal governments and then combinations of groups as well. SRPEDD is in the process of applying for a Safe Streets 4 All grant looking to do an action plan for the entire region.

Staff is looking for letters of support, specifically one from the JTPG, but letters from individual communities would be helpful as well. If the application is successful staff will be putting together a task force and we'll likely look to this body first for members for that task force.

Ms. Jones then asked the Chair to ask the group if they would offer a letter of support, and then staff would get something together if everyone's in consensus on that.

The Chair asked for a motion to offer a letter of support for this effort. Joe Callahan made the motion and Leeann Bradley seconded it. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll.

City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Berkley.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes

Town of Freetown.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Middleborough.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
City of Taunton.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. TIP Project Updates (MassDOT)

Ms. Barbara Lachance of MassDOT District 5 presented an update of the status of our regional TIP projects as follows:

FFY2023

New Bedford - Acushnet Avenue at Peckham Road and Sassaquin Ave was advertised in July and bids are due August 30.

Taunton - Reconstruction of Route 44 from Arlington Street to Route 104. The PS&E review for this was completed the end of July, and it's moving towards the September 10 advertising.

Attleborough - Intersection Improvements at Routes 1, Route 1A and 123. The PS&E review was completed in the beginning of August and it's moving towards a September 10 advertising date for this project.

Acushnet- The Bridge Replacement on Hamlin Street over the Acushnet River was advertised in June and the bids were opened on August 2 and MAS Building and Bridge is the apparent low bidder for this project.

Fall River - Route 79 at Davol Street. The bids were opened for this on August 4 with DW White as the apparent low bidder.

The Norton-Mansfield Rail trail extension. We just completed the PS&E review at the of July and the scheduled advertising for this project is August 27.

Rehoboth - Intersection Improvements at Route 44 & 118. PS&E is complete and moving towards 100% design and advertising for that is not until next year.

New Bedford – Corridor Improvements and related work on County Street from Nelson Street to Union Street is currently at 75% with the review being completed in September.

FFY2024

Mansfield - Reconstruction of Route 106 is currently at 25% design. The utility site walk is scheduled for tomorrow, the 11th, and then it can move forward to a design public hearing.

Wareham - Improvements on Route 6 and Swift's Beach Road. The 25% revision number one was received this week and is currently under review.

Taunton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 from Purchase Street to Jackson, Phase II is currently at 25%. The next step for this project is the utility meeting, then it can move on towards a design public hearing.

Dartmouth - Corridor Improvements on Route 6 from Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road. This is waiting for 75% and is the DJW is currently under review.

FFY2025

Wareham - Shared Use Path adjacent to Narrows Road and Minot Ave is currently at 25%, awaiting a 75% submission on it and it needs a revised schedule.

Swansea - Improvements on Route 6 at Gardner's Neck Road is waiting for the PS&E submission for this project that was due in June.

Lakeville - Reconstruction of Route 79 from the Taunton city line to Clear Pond Road. The 75% was just completed for that and next steps will be a conflict resolution meeting.

Norton - Intersection Improvements at Route 123 at North & South Worcester Streets. The 25% conflict resolution meeting was held in May. So next is to schedule the utility field meeting and then it can move on to a design public hearing.

Mansfield – Multi-modal accommodations on School Street from Spring Street to West Street. They are waiting on the 75% design submission for this.

FFY2026

Plainville- Reconstruction of Route 1A from Charlene Lane to Everett Street. This is waiting on revised utility plans and then it can move on to the utility meeting and design public hearing.

Mattapoisett - Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road. It is waiting for revised utility plans and a revised DJW also.

New Bedford - Intersection Improvements at Mount Pleasant and Nash Road. It's currently at less than 25% design stage and the next step for this is a scoping meeting.

FFY2027

Dartmouth - Reconstruction and Related Work on Faunce Corner Road from Old Fall River Road to the MassDOT owned Railroad Crossing. Revised concept plans were received in November of last year and conflict resolution meeting was held. It also needs a new schedule.

Dartmouth – Corridor Improvements on Dartmouth and Prospect Streets. This is currently at 25% and they anticipate the 75% design plans in September.

Westport - Intersection Improvements at Route 177 at Robertson & Tickle Road, they are awaiting the 75% design submission, and a new schedule is needed for this project also.

Mansfield – Route 106 Improvements, Phase II. They don't have an update on this since it was approved last summer through PRC.

Ms. LaChance then informed the group the pre-PRC, is September 1 of this year and PRC is on September 15, both coming up very quickly.

8. JTPG By-laws Update

Lilia Cabral-Bernard informed the group that during our most recent federal certification, it was recommended that staff create formal MPO bylaws. So those were written, completed and endorsed in May of this year. Following that, it was suggested that staff also review the JTPG by-laws which have not been updated in quite some time, since 2014.

When the review began it was discovered that over the years, the JTPG has evolved and it is no longer strictly adhering to all of the guidelines that are included in the current bylaws. Also, public engagement and other protocols, including hybrid meetings, have changed. It is the staff's opinion that the by-laws should be updated to more closely reflect how the JTPG is actually functioning today and going forward.

However, Ms. Cabral-Bernard explained, the JTPG itself has to propose this action. The current bylaw states, that to amend the bylaws, that action may be generated by consensus at a JTPG meeting, by the chairperson at their own initiative, or by a significant membership participant demand. So we need one of those three things to happen today, if you will take the word of the staff that we need to overhaul these bylaws so that they could more closely reflect what we're actually doing here.

Alan Slavin called for a motion for an update to the JTPG by-laws and Leann Bradley seconded it. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll.

City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Berkley.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes

Town of Freetown.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Middleborough.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
City of Taunton.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro informed the group that MassDOT will once again be hosting they Moving Together conference, it will be hybrid. The physical location will be at Boston Park Plaza Hotel, and that will be occurring November 1, we'll send out that information when we send out the PowerPoint that Jackie did and we'll send out Don's contact information as well.

In addition to that, MassDOT has announced, through their Safe Routes to School program, they're going to be doing some informational sessions online on August 23, and also on their Infrastructure Grant Program. That's going to be happening on October 3. And we will send up all of that information so you don't have to remember any of that. Ms. Estrela-Pedro also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Stephanie for being the new JTPG Chair and congratulate her on her first meeting. She did a great job, and then Ms. Estrela-Pedro thanked all the members for being here and taking time out of their busy day.

10. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced the date and time for the next meeting as Wednesday, September 14 at 2pm and it will still be virtual.

11. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.



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August 10, 2022

Dear Local Officials in MBTA Communities:

Today, we are excited to share with you the final guidelines to determine compliance with section 3A of the Zoning Act—the new requirement for every MBTA community to have at least one zoning district in which multi-family housing is allowed as of right, and which is located near a transit station, if applicable.

In December 2021, the Baker-Polito Administration released draft guidelines on the new multi-family zoning requirement for MBTA communities. At the time, we stated that the final guidelines would be issued after consideration of feedback from a robust stakeholder engagement process and public comment period. The public comment period ran from December 15, 2021 through March 31, 2022. During that time, EOHD, DHCD, and the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) conducted approximately 24 engagement sessions and collected nearly 400 public comments. We want to express our appreciation for those that participated in that important process. The guidelines we are releasing today are informed by the feedback you provided.

The final guidelines incorporate several changes, including:

- **Revised Community Categories:** MBTA Communities are now categorized as rapid transit, commuter rail, adjacent, or adjacent small town. The “bus service” category has been eliminated.
- **Significant Adjustments for Small and Rural Towns with No Transit Stations:** The final guidelines eliminate the minimum land area requirement and reduce the multi-family unit capacity requirement for communities with a population of less than 7,000 or less than 500 residents per square mile.
- **Changes to the Reasonable Size Criteria:** The guidelines establish “circuit breakers” that prevent multi-family unit capacity from exceeding 25% of a community’s existing

housing stock, or the minimum land from exceeding 1.5% of its total developable land area.

- **Tailored District Location Requirements:** The portion of a multi-family zoning district that must be located within a half mile of a transit station now varies based on the amount of developable station area within each MBTA community. Communities with more developable station area land will be required to have more of their multi-family districts within a half mile of transit stations. A community with less than 100 developable acres within a half mile of a station will be free to choose any appropriate location.
- **Multi-family Unit Capacity Tool:** To help communities calculate multi-family unit capacity in a consistent, transparent, and data-driven way, we built a compliance model workbook tool. The compliance model will provide a GIS land map for each municipality and calculate a zoning district's multi-family unit capacity and gross density based on inputs provided by each community. This tool will be widely available for use in the fall.

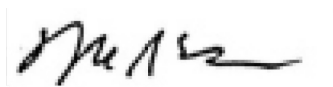
The final guidelines also include refinements and adjustments in other key areas, such as affordability, local site plan review, and other technical matters, including updated definitions.

Please visit mass.gov/mbtacomunities for the guidelines and other relevant information, including forms pertaining to the compliance process. The website also includes an online form for technical assistance requests. With the release of these guidelines, we stand ready, willing, and able to make resources and technical assistance available to help municipalities comply with the law. In that spirit, a webinar will be held on September 8, 2022 at 1:00pm to explain the guidelines in more detail.

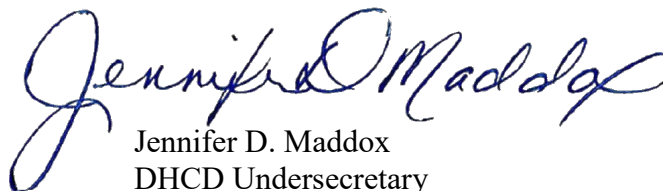
As you review the guidelines and begin work to comply with the new law's zoning requirement, keep in mind: If Massachusetts is to remain a desirable place for individuals, families, and businesses, then we need to confront the housing crisis together. This law is not a housing production mandate. It is all about setting the table for more transit-oriented housing in the years and decades ahead—which is not just good housing policy, but good climate and transportation policy, too.

We are excited to start the next chapter in the implementation of this new requirement, so we can lay the groundwork for a better future in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thank you,



Mike Kennealy
EOHED Secretary



Jennifer D. Maddox
DHCD Undersecretary



MBTA Communities Section 3A Guidelines are out – here's what you need to know

What can I do in August 2022?	What can I do in September/October 2022?	What can I do after November 1?
<input type="checkbox"/> Carefully review the final guidelines issued on August 10, 2022. Bookmark this website and keep checking it as additional materials are uploaded.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pursue any one of the activities in the column to the left.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pursue any one of the activities in the two columns to the left.
<input type="checkbox"/> Read about Technical Assistance opportunities related to Section 3A compliance. If you're not sure which is best for your situation, inquire about where and how to get Technical Assistance through an online form available at the primary website here .	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend/watch a recording of the EOHED/DHCD presentation of the guidelines, date: September 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. There is a registration link for the webinar here .	<input type="checkbox"/> Download the Compliance Model Workbook and watch a video that will walk you through instructions about how to use this tool to calculate multi-family unit capacity and overall density of your district
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop an Action Plan and submit the online application to DHCD. The deadline for these is January 31, 2023. Find the online Action Plan form here .	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend one or more of MHP instructional webinars on that can be found here when they are scheduled.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with Technical Assistance providers to engage your community with information about new multi-family district requirements. Locate districts and create zoning text. Use the Compliance Model to test various scenarios.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you think you have a compliant district? Apply to MassHousing Partnership (MHP) to participate in an early evaluation of your multi-family district.	<input type="checkbox"/> Download and review a Sample Bylaw from the MHP website for consideration in your community (anticipated to be available in October).	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit the online District Compliance application to DHCD on the Section 3A website by the deadlines in the guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/> Email DHCD at DHCD3A@mass.gov with questions you have about the guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Read about and apply for Technical Assistance from MHP for help on a variety of compliance related tasks.	

Bookmark the MBTA Communities Section 3A Guideline web page on mass.gov: www.mass.gov/mbtacommunities



DRAFT - Section 3A “Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities”

M.G. L Chapter 40A (the “Zoning Act”) Section 3A Overview

This new law requires that an “MBTA community” shall have at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted by right and which meets other criteria set forth in the statute:

- Minimum gross density of 15 units per acre;
- Located not more than 0.5 miles from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal, or bus station, if applicable; and
- No age restrictions and suitable for families with children.

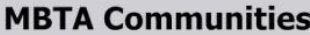
The SRPEDD Region’s MBTA Communities and their associated requirements are:

Community	Community category	2020 Housing Units	Minimum multi-family unit capacity ¹	Minimum land area ²	Developable station area ³	% of district to be located in station area
Taunton	Commuter Rail	24,965	3,745	50	269	40%
Attleboro	Commuter Rail	19,097	2,865	50	467	50%
Middleborough	Commuter Rail	9,808	1,471	50	260	40%
Mansfield	Commuter Rail	9,282	1,392	50	327	40%
Freetown	Commuter Rail	3,485	750	50	346	40%
Wareham	Adjacent community	12,967	1,297	50	-	0%
North Attleborough	Adjacent community	12,551	1,255	50	-	0%
Norton	Adjacent community	6,971	750	50	-	0%
Raynham	Adjacent community	5,749	750	50	-	0%
Seekonk	Adjacent community	6,057	750	50	-	0%
Carver	Adjacent small town	4,701	235	-	-	0%
Lakeville	Adjacent small town	4,624	231	-	30	0%
Rehoboth	Adjacent small town	4,611	231	-	-	0%
Berkley	Adjacent small town	2,360	118	-	79	0%
Rochester	Adjacent small town	2,105	105	-	-	0%

¹ Minimum multi-family unit capacity for most communities will be based on the 2020 housing stock and the applicable percentage for that municipality's community type. In some cases, the minimum unit capacity is derived from an extrapolation of the required minimum land area multiplied by the statutory minimum gross density of 15 dwelling units per acre. In cases where the required unit capacity from these two methods would exceed 25% of the community's housing stock, the required unit capacity has instead been capped at that 25% level.

² Minimum land area is 50 acres for all communities in the rapid transit, commuter rail and adjacent community types. There is no minimum land area requirement for adjacent small towns. Where 50 acres exceeds 1.5% of the developable land area in a town, a cap has been instituted that sets minimum land area to 1.5% of developable land area in the town.

³ Developable station area is derived by taking the area of a half-mile circle around an MBTA commuter rail station, rapid transit station, or ferry terminal and removing any areas comprised of excluded land.



Community Category

-  Rapid Transit
-  Commuter Rail
-  Adjacent Community
-  Adjacent Small Town

Notable Changes within the Final Guidelines

While there were several changes, additional definitions, and clarifications added to the final Compliance Guidelines, the following are the most notable within SRPEDD's region:

- Addition of “Adjacent Small Town” transit category;
- Clarification of the final transit categories for communities affected by South Coast Rail;
- Guidance on the inclusion of affordability requirements within a multi-family zoning district;
- Guidance on water and wastewater infrastructure within a multi-family zoning district; and
- Updates to deadlines for interim and district compliance.

Addition of “Adjacent Small Town” Transit Category

The “Adjacent Small Town” transit category comprises any MBTA Community that:



- Has within its boundaries less than 100 acres of developable station area; and
- Either has a population density of less than 500 persons per square mile, or a population of not more than 7,000 year-round residents as determined in the most recently published United States Decennial Census of Population and Housing.

MBTA Communities classified as “Adjacent Small Town” have lessened requirements for total acreage and unit capacity, as well as extended deadlines to achieve district compliance, which are as follows:

- **No minimum land area requirement** for district size; “the multi-family district may comprise as many or as few acres as the community determines is appropriate;”
- Unit capacities **capped at 5%** of total housing units; and
- An extended deadline of **December 31st, 2025** to submit a District Compliance Application.

“Adjacent Small Towns” must still achieve interim compliance and meet the requirement of a district-wide gross density of at least 15 units per acre where multi-family housing is permitted by-right. The affected communities are **Berkely, Carver, Lakeville, Rehoboth, and Rochester**.

Clarification of the Final Transit Categories for Communities Affected by South Coast Rail

While several communities in the SRPEDD region are affected by the construction of new commuter rail stations under the South Coast Rail project, only those communities that are currently identified as an “MBTA community” in Section 1A of the Zoning Act and section 1 of chapter 161A of the General Laws are subject to the requirements set forth in section 3A of the Zoning Act. Of those communities, transit categories were assigned to reflect certain MBTA service changes that will result from new infrastructure projects now under construction (e.g., South Coast Rail), as well as the elimination of regular commuter rail service at the existing Lakeville station. These changes are scheduled to take effect a year or more before any municipal district compliance deadline. The affected communities are as follows:

- **Freetown:** Adjacent ♦□ Commuter Rail
- **Lakeville:** Commuter Rail ♦□ Adjacent Small Town
- **Taunton:** Adjacent ♦□ Commuter Rail

Municipalities currently not identified as MBTA communities within the above statutes that may be identified as such in the future are not addressed within the final compliance guidelines. Instead, they will be addressed sometime in the future via revisions to the guidelines and with separate compliance timelines. These communities would include future Commuter Rail communities Fall River and New Bedford, as well as surrounding future Adjacent and Adjacent Small Town communities.



Guidance on the Inclusion of Affordability Requirements Within a Multi-Family Zoning District

When determining compliance, DHCD will consider affordability requirements to be consistent with by right zoning so long as:

- Any affordable units required by the zoning are eligible to be listed on DHCD's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI);
- The zoning requires **not more than 10%** of units in a project to be affordable units; and
- The cap on the income of families or individuals who are eligible to occupy the affordable units is **not less than 80% of area median income**.

The percentage of affordable units **may be up to 20%** of the units in a project, only if:

- The affordability requirement applicable in the multi-family zoning district pre-dates the enactment of Section 3A and the MBTA community demonstrates to DHCD that the affordability requirement has not made and will not make multi-family housing production infeasible; or
- The multi-family zoning district requires DHCD review and approval as a smart growth district under M.G.L. Chapter 40R, or under another zoning incentive program administered by DHCD.

Guidance on Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Within a Multi-Family Zoning District

MBTA Communities are encouraged to consider water and wastewater infrastructure when selecting the location of a new multi-family zoning district, however, compliance with Section 3A does not require a municipality to install new infrastructure or to add capacity to existing infrastructure to accommodate future multi-family housing. While the zoning must allow for gross average density of at least 15 units per acre, there may be other legal or practical limitations, including lack of infrastructure or infrastructure capacity, that result in actual housing production at lower density than the zoning allows.

When calculating unit capacity, it will be assumed that housing developers will design projects that work within existing water and wastewater constraints, and that developers, the municipality, or the Commonwealth will provide funding for the infrastructure upgrades as needed for individual projects.

Updated Deadlines for Interim and District Compliance

In the draft guidelines, Commuter Rail and Adjacent Communities were required to receive DHCD approval of a **timeline and Action Plan** to achieve interim compliance by July 1st, 2023. This deadline has been expedited to **January 31st, 2023** for all MBTA Communities.

After this point, Commuter Rail, and Adjacent Communities must submit an application for district compliance by **December 31st, 2024**.

Adjacent Small Town communities must submit an application for district compliance by **December 31st, 2025**.



More Information and Upcoming Events

Please see www.mass.gov/info-details/multi-family-zoning-requirement-for-mbta-communities, where you will find:

- Detailed information about Section 3A and compliance.
- Links to the short form necessary to complete an **Action Plan** by **January 31st, 2023** - www.mass.gov/forms/interim-compliance-action-plan-form.
- A video overview and technical assistance request from.
- Later this fall, links to an interactive Compliance Model - www.mass.gov/info-details/section-3a-guidelines#appendix-2:-compliance-model-overview-.
- Links to Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) Resources, including an upcoming 9-part webinar series entitled “3A-TA” - www.mhp.net/community/complete-neighborhoods-initiative; please note that SRPEDD will be hosting 2 sessions:
 - 10/26/22: Exploring Different Densities for Compliance
 - 11/2/22: Siting Districts in MBTA Adjacent Communities

Environmental Program Update Brief**September - October Departmental Priorities**

- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant project kickoff (9/19); narrow down site selection, conduct site visits, hire environmental professional
- Obtaining permits for a dredge of the Upper Nemasket River (local, state, and federal)
- Continuing to on-board Lauren Carpenter, new Environmental Planner
- Green Communities Fall competitive grant application deadline (Oct 7; Carver, Marion, Rehoboth) and preparing for Green Communities annual report submission (Nov 4; 13 communities)
- Scoping and finalizing FY23 APC-Nemasket River Earmark contract (Wareham Street Dam removal design, Snake River Culvert H&H study, Long Pond community workshops and 2023 invasive weed removal)
- Regional Resilience Plan – writing environmental volume, organizing Steering Committee meeting
- Open space plans – current status:
 - New Bedford (responding to state comments)
 - Freetown (finalizing plan text edits)
 - Marion (final edits to appendices)
 - Taunton (presentation to City Council)
 - Dartmouth (next Steering Committee meeting, building on public engagement report)
 - Middleborough (drafts in final review)
 - Carver (next Steering Committee meeting, building on public engagement results)
 - Swansea (public meeting and meeting summary)
- End of quarter invoicing.

Of Note and Interest*Trainings and Events*

- Mass Division of Conservation Services Survey to inform the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (see srpedd.org/environment – Partner Events section) – NEED MUNICIPAL STAFF INPUT! **Oct 1 deadline.**
- 2022 MA Food System Forum - Wednesday, **October 12** from 8:30am - 4pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, located at 366 Main St in Sturbridge, MA.
- Many upcoming webinars related to developing EPA Brownfield Grant applications (FY23 application deadline is **Nov. 22**) – details at <http://www.srpedd.org/brownfields>.

Project Community Meetings

- Swansea OSRP (also Comp Plan) public meeting: Wednesday, Sept 28, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM

MEPA REPORT – PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Reports Under Consideration or Development

Project	Town	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Arthur. F. Dias Landing Fixed Pier Extension and Floating Docks	Dartmouth	10/11	Environmental	
Broadway Gas Station Redevelopment Project	Raynham	9/29	Transportation	
Cranberry Point Energy Storage	Carver	10/11	Environmental	
Prysmian Brayton Point	Somerset	10/11	Environmental / Transportation	
Raynham Park Redevelopment	Raynham	10/11	Environment / Transportation	
Mayflower Wind SouthCoast Project	Somerset	9/29	Environmental	

Reports Submitted

- *None to report.*

AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 8.a.

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DOER
Attleboro	May Street Intersection Evaluation	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Berkley	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano	DLTA, CCC, local
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Dartmouth	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Dartmouth	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, local, MA
Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Wareham	Bike Path (Regional Plan) Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Dartmouth, Wareham	Coastal Resilience Project Support	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	MassAudubon
Dartmouth, Westport	Route 6 Corridor Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Greg Guertin	MassDOT
Dighton	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, CCC, MA
Dighton	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DOER
Fairhaven	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Fairhaven	Alden Road Redevelopment Study Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local, MA
Fairhaven	Benoit Square Traffic Assessment	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Freetown	Main Street at Elm Street and Water Street Signal Warrants	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT

Lakeville	Old Powderhouse Road & Heritage Hill Drive South Intersection Analysis	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Mansfield	TOD Area Build-Out and Indicators	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Mansfield	Bicycle Planning Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Mansfield	Green Communities Designation Grant Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano	DLTA, local, MA
Marion	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Housing Production Plan Update	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	local
Marion	Marion Village Parking Assessment	Pending	Transportation	TBD	MassDOT
Mattapoisett	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Mattapoisett	Industrial Drive Infrastructure Improvement	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan, Bill Napolitano	local, EDA
Middleborough	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Grant King	DLTA, HCI
Middleborough	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	local
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Robert Cabral	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center, Armory District	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
North Attleboro	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
North Attleboro	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Norton	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Norton	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Plainville	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local

Plainville	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Raynham	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, DHCD
Regional	MHP Multi-Family Zoning Webinars	New	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	MHP
Regional	Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	DER
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Upper Nemasket Implementation	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	TRSC
Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	Ongoing	Comprehensive , Environmental, Transportation	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Don Sullivan, Grant King	DLTA , CCC EDA,
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	CARES Act/COVID-19 U.S. EDA Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Don Sullivan, Grant King	SRPEDD, U.S. EDA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Bus Stop Inventory Update	Ongoing	Transportation	Jennifer Chaves	MassDOT
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, sister RPAs
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Greg Guertin, Jackie Jones, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	New	Comprehensive	Grant King	MBTA, DLTA
Regional	Taunton River Trail	Ongoing	Transportation	Bill Napolitano	MassDOT
Regional	Freight Action Plan	Complete	Transportation	Sean Hilton	MassDOT

Regional	RTP Continuous Public Outreach	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Lilia Cabral- Bernard, Lizeth Gonzalez, Gregory Guertin	MassDOT
Regional - Ten Mile Watershed to Mount Hope Bay	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Don Sullivan	EPA
Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap, Sara Brown	EOEEA
Regional - SRAC	FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive , Homeland Security	Jeff Walker, Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional-GATRA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Ongoing	Transportation	Jen Chaves	GATRA
Rochester	Agriculture and PPA Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DLTA
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Somerset	Inflow & Infiltration EDA Application	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Swansea	Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, Urban Agenda, local, MA
Taunton	School District Active Shooter / Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tool	New	Homeland Security, Comprehensive	Kevin Ham	Local
Taunton	Route 140 Corridor Study	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Robert Cabral, Helen Zincavage, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Jackie Jones, Grant King	MassDOT, DLTA, MA
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Danica Belknap	DLTA, local
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Wareham	Village Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT

Wareham	Plymouth Ave (White Island Shores Neighborhood), Speed & Volume Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Westport	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	Final Draft	Transportation	Sara Brown	MassDOT

Where the River Meets the Road

Join SRPEDD's Transportation and Environmental Department to discuss how retrofitting our road-stream crossings (bridges and culverts) for environmental resilience can also lessen flooding impacts and improve public safety during storm events.

When: September 29, 2022 at 1PM

Where: Zoom (Registration Required)

To Register:

<https://srpedd.org/event/moving-forward-2050-where-the-river-meets-the-road/>

DLS-MARPA Municipal Conference is Sept. 29

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The annual Municipal Conference co-sponsored by the Division of Local Services and the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies will be held at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester on Sept. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's event is titled, "Building the Foundation for Our Future: Equitable Infrastructure Modernization in Massachusetts."

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito will speak in the morning, followed by a panel discussion with senior administration officials highlighting some of the generational infrastructure funding opportunities currently available.

Workshops will include "Building the Municipal Workforce Pipeline," "Early Education," "Broadband," and "Stimulating Local Economies with Infrastructure Improvements."

The cost is \$30. [Click here to register.](#)